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Lyondel Gardens

Home of Magic Seeds
Cross Pollinated by Hand

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THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION

My customers and I do not always agree. I feel certain that we would again disagree if I were to ask them to name the most important contributions which the Lyondel Gardens have made to the cause of delphinium. They would say:

“Lyondel Gardens changed 3-inch flowers from myth to reality and made them a common possession.”

“The seeds of Lyondel Gardens yielded a surprisingly large number of high quality plants.”

“Absolutely self colors such as lilac, orchid, deep lavender, bluish violet, deep purples, etc., emanated from the Lyondel Gardens to grace many modest plots of grounds or lavishly planted estates.”

True! However these are not the most important contributions, but the fact that by pioneering the distribution of seeds cross pollinated by hand, Lyondel Gardens proved the superiority of such seeds over open pollinated sorts and showed the way to other and larger growers who began to follow suit and helped to raise the standard of delphinium quality. Sooner or later all others must either fall in line or see their business slip away from them. Once a flower lover has treated himself to the new magic of seeds cross pollinated by hand, he is not going to pay 2, 5 or 10 dollars for a packet of open pollinated seeds which usually produce a large percentage of scrub delphiniums.

I do not wish to convey the notion that all one has to do is to rub the pollen of one variety over the stigma of another and thus produce high class seeds. The question is much more complicated as each breeder must have not only a fundamental knowledge of genetics, and an artistic eye, but he must be able to weave something of himself into the seeds which he produces. And here lies the secret of successful breeders, of mediocre pluggers, and of downright failures.

WHERE A SERIOUS DRAWBACK BECOMES AN IMPORTANT ASSET

Those who have something to sell must have a line of ballyhoo. Every person who has delphinium seeds to sell proclaims his seeds the “best in the world.” There are so many “bests” that the average gardener becomes somewhat cynical. But having been subjected to so much hot air about the “best” car, the “best” radio, the “best” breakfast food, and the “best” cure for bald-headedness, he offers only a passive resistance. To such weary gardeners I bring a welcome respite. My strain of delphinium is not the best in the world. There are other strains that are as good as mine and even better than mine. You might wonder how I can expect to sell any seeds by making such statements. I wonder too. I have wondered every year, and yet every year I have been sold out. Maybe some people fall for my “line.” But believe me, this is no line. And if you think that I would lose any sleep if I did not sell a seed, or that I would not continue to have two eggs on my toast 365 days a year, you have another guess coming.

No one man has a corner on delphinium quality; not if he expects to stay in business. All breeders must sell the best they produce; when they do, their product falls in the hand of their competitors who will distribute it either unchanged or improve on it and place it on the market. Since breeding is a cumulative effort and each person builds upon the best of the other fellow, such practices are legitimate and even desirable. The result is that the man who introduced the first white delphinium, or the first line of self colors, or the “Wrexham” type of spike, or better blues, will wake up in a year or two and find others selling the same thing, often greatly improved. The moral of all

this is that you will find typical Lyondels cropping up among the other fellow's products, or typical Wrexhams, Hoodacres, or Pacific Strain among the Lyondels. Therefore you can't go wrong by purchasing your seed from any reliable breeder who has hand pollinated seeds.

If I expect to sell you anything I must now get busy and spread my own line of ballyhoo. Having nothing left to brag about, I must brag about the thing that I have and the other don't — the worse soil and climate for delphinium! No, I am not selling you the soil or the climate; wish I could! I am merely calling your attention to a very bad drawback that is working for you and for me. Here in Morgantown where my seed plants are growing, the soil is poor, shallow, heavy. Despite all the sand, ashes, peat moss and things that I mix with it, it bakes and cracks open under the scorching sun during the rainless weeks which often come just when delphiniums need moisture the most. Only plants with a mighty tough constitution can thrive under such conditions. And only such plants become the parents of your seeds. Year after year this selection goes on. Don't you think that it is more logical to expect resistant plants from such environment, rather than from the pampered climates and excellent soil with which other breeders are blessed?

My selections go still farther. The parents of your seeds must undergo not only the conditions of Morgantown, W. Va., but those of Terra Alta, W. Va., where an altitude of nearly three thousand feet above sea level insures abundant rainfall and cool summers. — ideal for the mildew. Every spring I plant several thousand seedlings at Terra Alta. Selections are made after the plants bloom late in the summer. All plants susceptible to mildew are discarded regardless of their other qualities. About 75 or 100 of the best plants are then selected and brought to Morgantown, away from the heavy snow blanket which they would enjoy throughout the winter and into a most changeable winter when mercury plays its ups and downs between below zero to 50 degrees above. Some can't take it and perish; others survive and begin to grow in earnest when the spring comes. After they bloom, another selection is made and a number of plants are discarded. Those coming up to the standard of Lyondel Quality carry the message of Lyondel Gardens to many parts of United States and Canada, to Europe, to Australia. Thus, without any advertising campaign, and without being written up in national magazines the Lyondel Gardens are hard put to meet the demand. The regular season's crop is largely sold out before being harvested, and last year the fall crop was gone long before the spring came. There must be a reason!

AND NOW I LEAVE IT TO MY OLD CUSTOMERS

The enthusiasm of the friends of Lyondel Gardens is unlimited. The following excerpts from unsolicited letters, all written since my last year's circular was published, will give you the customer reaction which is more effective than all the newspaper publicity in the world.

"I have had very good luck with your delphiniums and think that for the middle-west they are the best possible obtainable." Merle Brush, Chelsea, Iowa.

"I took my flowers from your seeds to the best florist in Hollywood; he said they are the best he ever saw. He supplies flowers to the movie stars and studios. He is taking all my blossom." Annie Teske, West Hollywood, Cal.

"How anyone can say your seeds do not germinate is beyond me for I have had some of your seed every year beginning in 1933, and germination has always been excellent . . . I really believe yours are the best whites, not messed up with black as some of the others." Louise Loverin, Berkeley, Calif.

"You say in your catalog that you cannot agree with your customers who claim that the Lyondels are the best in the country. Well, I do agree with them and I am afraid, Dr. Leonian, you are just out of step; you better fall in." Dr. H. A. Kuhl, Jersey City, N. J.

"I have bought seeds from England and Germany, and from growers in this country, but none can compare in beauty with your delphiniums." Charles A. Pride, Butler, Pa.

"Words cannot express the enjoyment we have had from delphiniums grown from your seeds. We surely owe you a large debt of gratitude for making it possible for us to have them." Ralph G. Jones, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Of the 125 seedlings obtained from one packet of your seeds only one became afflicted with mildew despite a very wet spring." Dr. F. J. Stewart, Kewanee, Ill.

"For two consecutive years I have won first premiums (special award) and first prizes at the Sussex Horticultural Society show with my delphiniums produced from your seed . . . We get 100 per cent germination from your seed and thrilling gratification from the flowers." Mrs. Thomas H. Blodgett, Great Barrington, Mass.

"Results from Allegheny County Flower Show: Hybrid delphiniums — First, C. Glenn Sipe; second, C. Glenn Sipe; third, C. Glenn Sipe. And you are to blame for this. Thanks." C. Glenn Sipe, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Seedlings which resulted from your seeds are now in bloom. I never saw such flowers before although I have been growing delphiniums for a number of years and had some of the best in this neighborhood. Those seedlings of yours are beyond my power of description. When I tell my friends about them they turn away and smile, but when I get them over to see those seedlings they become speechless. Please don't think that I am exaggerating; I am just awfully excited about them." Thos. H. K. Russell, McKeesport, Pa.

"My delphiniums from your seeds have been perfectly marvelous. My friends have gone crazy about them." Mrs. A. Degrauw Warnock, Paoli, Pa.

"Your seeds always yield some plants out of ordinary." J. E. Baines, Red Bank, N. J.

"I am pleased to report that last year's seedlings produced some very fine flowers that ran true to type and were very large." G. Edwin Jackson, Utica, N. Y.

"I have been scanning the flower magazines and especially the advertisements of delphinium growers. All of them seem to have the "best" and I could not tell who had the best. So I have made up my mind to deal with an honest man who admits he does not have the best in the world. I am enclosing my order . . ." A. R. Bebout, Washington, Pa.

"From your catalog you appear to be such a grouchy, independent, and over-worked cuss that I hesitate to bother you with questions." F. C. Mann, Rochester, Minn. (I think I have convinced Dr. Mann that I am not grouchy and not over-worked. I shall always be happy to give any help I can. L. H. L.).

"I must tell you what fine delphiniums I had from your seeds. Some florets measured a little better than 3-1/2 inches across and showed an unusually fine assortment as to color." Mrs. Cecil Rector, Clarksburg, W. Va.

"Your Connoisseur's Series of seeds produced some extraordinary seedlings. Everyone is double. Some have extraordinary long spikes. Your methods of plant breeding and seed preservation is certainly making it easy for the amateur to produce very fine delphiniums." G. J. Coupe, Park Ridge, Ill.

"If all your seeds are like the ones I received I can see no reason why anyone should complain of failure to germinate; . . . our germination is perfect. I saw one of your plants blooming this summer, a lilac self; it was one of the most beautiful I have ever seen, and I have tried the very best seed I could get! If I obtain one plant near like the one I saw, I will be more than satisfied." Dr. H. O. Ruh, Chesterland, Ohio.

“Your seeds germinated about perfect. The seedlings are now in bloom and are conspicuous for bright colors. The variety of colors seems to be extraordinary and the size is evidently going to be very good.” Jack Ingold, Madison, Wis.

“Your strain of hand pollinated seed is certainly the finest thing in delphiniums thus far.” Lunn’s Nursery, Falmouth, Mass.

“From a packet of orchid self crosses I got some outstanding plants with exquisite mauve tones, beautifully shaped large florets, and height up to seven feet.” Mrs. S. N. Magill, Elkins Park, Pa.

“I wore a delphinium floret grown from your seed to the office yesterday. It was 3-1/4 inches across. It was an amazement to my friends, even to some of the best delphinium fans.” J. R. Spalding, Downers Grove, Ill.

“Your lavenders and violets are now coming into bloom here, and again I must congratulate you on your achievement. On the whole America has been behind the great English breeders in quality of color with the notable exception of the American whites and your violets and orchids. Frankly I must say that there is nothing to be compared to your light lavenders.” Vladimir Simkhovitch, Robisnton, Maine.

“I am much interested in your catalog. As an advertising woman, your sales talk is one of the most interesting I have ever seen. By telling people you don’t care whether they buy or not, you make their mouth water for what you have to sell. Probably you don’t intend it that way but I am sure that is the effect. Anyway, I want to be one of those customers, faithful but dumb!” Miss Esther Eaton, Spring Valley, N. Y. (A smart gal, that. But really I am sincere when I say that it is immaterial to me whether I have many new customers or not because I can’t take care of what I have. I leave the sales talk to my customers.—L. H. L.).

“The packet of white delphinium I received from you last winter came to bloom 80 per cent white, and some of them beauties. I won first prize at our flower show with them.” J. Walter Ringholm, Delhi, N. Y.

“I bought a packet of your delphinium seed last fall and after reading over the testimonials you publish I have come to the conclusion that you are a fraud. You promised to send me 100 seeds for \$2.50. I planted them according to directions and when they quit coming up I had 126 fine healthy plants. How come?” Dr. Eugene Carmichael, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

“I have found Lyondel delphiniums to be consistently far ahead of everything else I have seen in delphinium line.” William F. Troxell, Franklin, Pa.

THIS BUSINESS OF FAILURE TO GERMINATE

If there is a breeder or dealer who does not receive complaints about seed germination, let him come forward and be crowned king of Never-Never Land. Expert or novice alike are faced every now and then with failure of their seeds to germinate. Their first reaction is to blame the seed. I used to do it myself; but I know better now even though I still waste a lot of my own seeds and those of others trying to find better ways of obtaining good stands of seedlings. Soil is a complex, unknown substance in which all kinds of activities are going on; we may hope to control some of these but never all! Naturally many things may go wrong without our knowledge; the gardener honestly believes that he has done everything to give the seeds the best of chances; when there are no seedlings, the obvious thing that pops into his mind is that the seed seller was dishonest and the seeds worthless. This is particularly true when he uses some seeds harvested by him, or some other cheap seeds side by side with the highly bred sorts. Such a gardener realizes that a thoroughbred and a plow horse do not respond to the same treatment but he cannot understand that there might such a difference between seeds. When one person reports a perfect germination and another no germination,

both using seeds that came from the same container, the obvious thing is that the second person was at fault. But try to convince him!

I have said in the past and I am saying now that I make no guarantee whatever about my seeds. I am under no obligation whatever to replace seeds or to refund money should you fail to obtain any germination with my seeds or satisfaction with my seedlings. However I am not as hard boiled as I sound. Only rarely have I refused to make replacements and that because I did not like the tone of the person's letter demanding a replacement. In the following paragraph I am giving you detailed directions for seed sowing. After you have followed them faithfully and have failed to obtain germination, and if you bring the matter to me in a calm, friendly manner, I will be happy to make replacements and stay with you until success has crowned your efforts. But if you bluster, become sarcastic, affect superior airs, become indignant, or assume an injured air, then your letter and your name and address will go into the waste basket. Failure with seeds is not a reflection upon your gardening skill; even experts have such failures. Nor is it a reflection upon the viability of the seeds. If you are the type of person who after several years' success meets with a sudden failure and immediately goes back on the seedsman, you are not the type of customer for me any way, and I will say good riddance. But if you are a person who believes that the money paid for high quality seeds is only a small fraction of the value of such seeds, and that you are getting something of the breeder's personality, ambition, dreams, and friendship with the seeds, and if you reciprocate with your good will and friendship, the breeder will make replacements for you until you are satisfied. I did not begin to breed delphiniums as a means of making money; I don't now. The contacts I have made are infinitely more valuable than money. Money is soon gone but kind memories linger!

SEED SOWING

Two parts of rich garden soil, one part of sand and one part of peat moss mixed thoroughly and sifted into flats or cold frames will give you a good medium for the seeds. If you don't have peat moss, leave it out; its chief function is to absorb and retain moisture. If your soil comes from a place in the garden where other crops thrived, it needs no lime or fertilizer. You should not use fertilizer in the seedbed any way.

The chief cause of seed failure is the damping-off disease. Many seedlings are destroyed before they come up, many others after they break the surface. In order to prevent this you must sterilize the soil. Soak the soil mixture with a 5 per cent solution of formalin (5 parts of formalin in 95 parts of water). Formalin comes in liquid form and may be purchased from any drug store. Cover the treated soil with burlap and leave for 24 hours. Then remove the burlap and let the flat alone for a few days until the soil is dry enough to be worked. Go over the soil every day, stir it, and allow it to run through your fingers. When all odor of formalin is gone, the soil is ready for the seeds. Remove a double handful of the soil and set it aside, then level the soil in the flat. Place a small pinch of Semesan in the seed packet and shake. Use enough Semesan to dust every seed without leaving very much behind. Sow in rows right on the surface of the soil, then by means of a flat object, such as a piece of 2 x 4, firmly press the seeds down in the soil. Cover the seeds using the soil set aside for this purpose. Just dust the soil on the seeds which should not be covered more than one eighth of an inch deep. Spread a double thickness of cheesecloth which has been previously washed in boiling water, on the surface of the soil and by means of a sprinkler water the flat gently but thoroughly with water that has been boiled and cooled. Invert an empty flat on the seed flat and keep in a cool place. Seedlings should be up in ten to fifteen days. Care should be taken to keep the surface of the soil moist. You may or may not have to water the flat once more before the seedlings are up. The cheesecloth should then be lifted from the surface of the

soil and tacked on the frame of the flat to afford a certain amount of protection against direct sunlight. After the true leaves appear the seedlings may be transplanted into the cold frame, there to undergo their autumn growth and winter rest.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

My terms are cash with the order. You may be the wealthiest man in the country or the most influential, but if your order is not accompanied with cash it will be thrown in the waste basket. This is not because I am not a trusting soul but because I cannot be bothered with monthly bills, extra correspondence and all that sort of thing.

Most orders reach me several weeks before the seeds are harvested and at a time when I am busiest. In order to save time and bother, please do not expect me to acknowledge the receipt of your order; when time comes, your seeds will reach you. Seeds are sent out the latter part of July so that by the first week in August most of you should receive yours. Should you fail to do so, please write to me **at once**. If I make a mistake, let me know; but if you find an extra packet of seeds in the envelope, don't return it. Once a packet of seeds has left my hand it is no longer of any value and is destroyed when returned to me.

I do not give any discount, and I do not sell seeds in ounce lots. Whether you purchase one packet or one hundred packets, the price is the same.

C. O. D. orders are not accepted.

I do not sell and do not give away two year old plants. I do not harvest, give away, or sell open pollinated seeds. Even if they come from the finest specimen plants, they are not worth a continental! But if you must have open pollinated seeds, there are lots of growers who will be very happy to take your money.

Do not ask me to send you nothing but fresh seeds; I never have any seeds left over from one season to another; besides, if I were dishonest enough to sell you old seeds your mere asking would not change me from the evil path.

Do not ask me to send you my "best" seeds. All my seeds are the best in their class. Besides, if I did have such a thing as "best" seeds, why would I favor you just because you asked me to? My best is available to all my customers. If I did not share everything I produce with my customers, how long would I be able to keep them?

Don't assume superior airs with me; I don't get impressed worth a darn. Just be yourself, and you and I will get along very well.

SEED OFFERINGS FOR 1938

(All seed or pollen parents have double flowers)

SELF COLORS

1. **Soft shades.** — Absolutely self colors in soft lilac, orchid, and mother-of-pearl tones. A wealth of exquisite variations of shades that will at once captivate your heart. Large flowers and huge spikes. Coming true to color in amazingly high percentages.

2. **Medium tones.** — Warmer shades of above. So different, so striking, and so new in delphinium colors as to keep you and your friends spellbound.

3. **Reddish violet self.** — Glowing, sparkling, almost singing colors. Words cannot describe the richness and the beauty of these flowers.

4. **Bluish purple self.** — When the first flowers of this series opened in my garden I could hardly believe my eyes. If you want something different and yet infinitely appealing, this is the delphinium for you. The color is neither blue

nor purple; it is distilled from a mixture of the two. If you obtain even one plant that resembles the parents you will be more than amply rewarded.

5. **Sky blue self.** — Each passing year finds better blues with larger flowers and longer spikes. Instead of 12 to 18 inches in flowers as in former years, the modern blues may give 36 inches or more in solid bloom. The size of flowers has graduated from one inch up to two and one-half inches.

6. **Dark blue self.** — The glowing, burning sapphire tones of dark blue self delphiniums are desired by all. The modern delphiniums richly gratify this desire. A mixed planting of sky blue and dark blue self delphiniums yields a celestial masterpiece.

7. **Pure white delphiniums.** — The single flowering whites have rarely been attractive; but the semi double, large flowering sorts are very pleasing; in the border or as cut flowers they radiate a charming accent. Some have white eyes, others honey colored eyes, other dark brown and black eyes; contrast to please all. The whites in the past have been less vigorous and shorter lived than the colored ones, but that tendency is disappearing. The modern whites will hold their own in every respect with their colored sisters.

8. **Soft orchid selfs x purple selfs.** — This cross should yield a wealth of intermediate shades both self and bicolor. Some of the most exquisite variations and combinations ever seen by me were produced from such crosses.

9. **Purple selfs x pure whites.** — This is another promising cross which will produce fascinating new colors especially in the intermediate shades. Also look for new floral patterns. Those who seek the unusual cannot go wrong in their selection of these two crosses.

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10. **Softer shades.** — Outer sepals are soft sky blue and inners light lavender or mauve; often the entire flower may be light mauve or lavender with only hints of blue. The largest flowers and the longest, biggest spikes are to be found in this group.

11. **Deeper shades.** — Outer sepals deep blue, inners deep mauve or purple; often the entire flower is deep purple with inconspicuous blue streaks in the outers. This is another group which will furnish some of the largest flowers and spikes.

12. **Aster flowered types.** — This group is characterized by very narrow, often fluted sepals and usually possessing no eyes or mere vestiges of eyes. Very graceful and refined, creating a fine contrast when planted with broad sepalloid types.

13. **Most brilliant color types.** — It has been a gradual and uphill fight to develop this group. Often the most brilliant colored parents have yielded nothing but ordinary progenies. Once fixed, this group is going to be the most sensational break in all the Lyondel hybrids. The colors are so deep, so brilliant and sparkling that mere words fail to express their real worth. While this year I am offering this group of seeds with more confidence than ever, I must warn my friends to approach this group with not too many expectations.

14. **Wiry stemmed group.** — One of the most common complaints about delphiniums is that they cannot resist winds and rainstorms. Plants used in this group are so wiry and flexible that one may hold the tip of the spike and bend the entire stem into a bow without breaking it.

15. **Resistant series.** — Plants that have lived under the harsh conditions of Morgantown for at least five years are used in these crosses. They should yield resistant progenies but one never knows about the behavior of hybrid seeds.

16. **Mixture.** — This is a mixture of all the foregoing 15 assortments.

Note. — Most of the assortments described above will be sold out by the first week in August. After the first of September make your selections from the Connoisseur's Series only.

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

This series has increased in popularity every year. Only novelties are included here and consist of plants coming into bloom for the first time. Here is a certain element of risk and you should expect some ordinary as well as extraordinary things. Only true connoisseurs should try their luck with these seeds.

The seeds of this series will not be ready before the first of November. Please don't write to me before then enquiring about the seeds which you might have ordered in the summer. If you fail to receive your seeds by the first week in November, write to me; but not before, please!

C-1. Corresponds to the numbers 1 to 4 as described above.

C-2. Corresponds to numbers 5 and 6.

C-3. Pure white.

C-4. Softer shades of bicolors.

C-5. Darker shades of bicolors.

C-6. A mixture of the above five assortments plus a number of other crosses too small in quantity to be offered separately.

PRICES

Continuing the policy of Lyondel Gardens of asking one price for novelties as well as old established lines, I have retained the former price of \$2.50 per packet of at least 100 seeds.

YOUNG SEEDLINGS

These will be offered in the spring only. I will not have any for autumn delivery. Price \$2.50 per dozen postpaid. If you wish to succeed with small seedlings, you should pot them as soon as you receive them, and keep in a sheltered place for about a month or six weeks before planting out.

ORIENTAL POPPIES

So far as I know I am the only breeder offering oriental poppy seeds cross pollinated by hand. This is the only way you can be assured of obtaining some superior progenies as open pollinated seeds usually revert to undesirable colors and types. Some of the finest of named varieties, as well as the cream of my own seedlings will combine to bring to you a new adventure in gardening. Here are whites, smokies, pearl pinks, lavenders, old rose, glowing salmon, cerise, watermelon pinks, silvery pinks, crushed raspberry, blood reds, mahogany reds, purplish reds, — a veritable riot of colors that will come forth to burst upon your garden like an avalanche of dazzling splendor. Don't expect every seedling to be of good quality, but you should look forward to some surprisingly splendid things. Seeds are offered in the following lots:

1. Salmon pink shades.

2. Rose pink shades.

3. Lavenders.

4. Whites or near whites.

5. Reds from the newest and the best named varieties and promising seedlings.

6. A mixture of the foregoing five assortments.

Only a small number of poppy seedlings will be worth saving; therefore it is unwise to purchase a dozen seedlings and expect some fine things. If you refrain from buying seeds because of limited space, just remember that you may sow your seeds in a cold frame, **sow very thin**, and leave the seedlings there until they bloom, then select what you want and discard all others. Thus you can produce hundreds, even thousands of seedlings on a few square

feet of space and assure yourself of obtaining some beautiful things never before seen by the eyes of man; do you know of a more thrilling adventure?

Seedlings. — I will have mixed seedlings for September delivery and assorted seedlings for early April delivery. Seedlings received in the fall should be mulched after the first hard freeze; seedlings received in the spring should be potted, sheltered in a cold frame until established.

PRICES

Seeds one dollar per packet; seedlings \$1.50 per dozen.

RED HEMEROCALLIS

A fine assortment of seed and pollen parents will assure you some exceptionally fine progenies. My own tests from these crosses have bloomed and produced a very high percentage of fine reds and deep rose pinks, as well as a limited number of yellows and oranges generously splashed with red. The colors vary from deep, blackish maroon to mahogany reds, blood reds, deep rose, and even smoky lavender shades. The height of plants varies from three to five feet and the size of flowers from five to seven inches. Planted with your yellow hemerocallis, these reddish shades should give you a pleasing contrast. Plant in partial shade as they fade in direct sunlight.

Seeds, in mixtures only, \$1.00 per packet. (Ready in August and September).

Large plants that have bloomed for one or two years, \$2.50 for three plants. When the clumps are large, you will receive a blooming size division, smaller ones are sent intact. (Ready in August and September).

Smaller seedlings, ready for September or April delivery, \$2.50 per dozen, postpaid.

NOTE: The larger plants are limited in number; order early if you do not wish to be disappointed.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome if they come in season. They are not welcome and will not be admitted out of season. A delphinium garden out of season is a disappointing thing and the visitors cannot help but be unfavorably impressed. Those who contemplate a visit to Morgantown must come here in May for poppies and in June for delphiniums. Get in touch with me before coming so that I can give you the best date to arrive. Those who are interested in seeing specimen plants of delphinium should visit me in Morgantown; those who are interested in mass effect should go to Terra Alta, W. Va. The season at Terra Alta begins the latter part of June and extends into July.

AMERICAN DELPHINIUM SOCIETY

Two dollars and love for delphinium entitle you to membership in this up and coming organization. You will receive the Yearbook, the finest of its kind published, and be abreast with the newest things in delphinium development. Write to American Delphinium Society, Ridgefield, Conn.

